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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR TRUCCO'S CALL ON MR. SHLAUDEMAN
JULY 22

1. AMBASSADOR TRUCCO REQUESTED THE MEETING TO REVIEW MATTERS PRIOR TO GOING ON VACATION LATE NEXT WEEK.

2. TRUCCO GAVE SHLAUDEMAN COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GOC REPRESENTATIVES, THE UNHRC AND THE WORKING GROUP. HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE WORKING GROUP WENT TO MEXICO, AN OBVIOUS SLAP AT CHILE, HE FELT THAT BENITEZ MUST HAVE INFLUENCED THE WORKING GROUP TO SHORTEN THE VISIT AND ARRANGE A MEETING WITH GOC REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK. HE HAD HEARD THAT MARC SCHREIBER, HRC DIRECTOR AND A BELGIAN, HAD ASKED HIS GOVERNMENT TO GET THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES TO PRESSURE THE GOC TO ADMIT THE WORKING GROUP INTO CHILE. TRUCCO SAID HE AND MIGUEL SCHWEITZER, JR., WERE GOING TO NEW YORK JULY 23 TO MEET
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WITH THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN FOLLOWED BY A MEETING WITH BENITEZ. THEY ALSO HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMB. BENNETT.

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3. TRUCCO EXPLAINED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NO OBJECTION TO FUTURE WORKING GROUP REPORTS, BUT WAS INSISTENT ON ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR REVIEWING THEM AND PERMITTING REPLIES TO ACCOMPANY THEM. IN ANSWER TO SHLAUDEMAN'S QUESTION ABOUT A POSSIBLE WORKING GROUP VISIT TO CHILE, TRUCCO AFFIRMED THE ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING IN NEW YORK.

4. SHLAUDEMAN ASKED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY PUBLICITY ABOUT THE WORKING GROUP'S MEETING IN MEXICO. TRUCCO SAID HE HAD SEEN NONE, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS AN INDICATION OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND ALSO BECAUSE ALLANA WAS NOT THERE.

5. TRUCCO REFERRED TO THE UPCOMING UNGA AND SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL PLANNED TO ATTEND FROM 25 SEPTEMBER TO 9 OCTOBER. HE WOULD WANT TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON, PREFERABLY THE LATTER.

6. TRUCCO SAID HE WAS WORKING ON A FORMAL NOTE TO THE DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD SET FORTH CHILE'S "LEGAL POSITION" ON THE HARKIN AMENDMENT AND WOULD REQUEST AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT PRECISE CRITERIA WE HAD APPLIED IN DECIDING TO VOTE AGAINST THE LAST IDB LOAN TO CHILE. TRUCCO NOTED THAT THE GOC HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY "CONDEMNED" IN THE REPORT OF ANY INTERNATIONAL BODY, OR OTHERWISE. HE ASSERTED THAT HIS LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES ARE TALKING ABOUT MAKING THE HARKIN AMENDMENT A CAUSE CELEBRE IN THE PATTERN OF THE REACTION TO THE TRADE REFORM ACT'S OPEC EXCLUSION.

7. SHLAUDEMAN NOTED THAT THE AMENDMENT CONTAINS NO VERY PRECISE CRITERIA AND IS DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT ON A NUMBER OF COUNTS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE BASED ON ITS LEGISLATIVE HISTORY THAT WE COULD FOCUS IN THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CASES ON BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED BY NEEDY CONFIDENTIAL

PEOPLE RATHER THAN ON A HUMAN RIGHTS DETERMINATION. TRUCCO REPLIED THAT A NUMBER OF HIS COLLEAGUES OBJECTED TO THAT ALSO, FEARING THAT IDB DEVELOPMENTAL LENDING WOULD BECOME DISTORTED.

8. SHLAUDEMAN ASKED ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCLAMATIONS. TRUCCO SAID THAT, AS PINOCHET HAD TOLD THE SECRETARY, THEY WERE PROGRESSING WELL. HE THOUGHT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD COME ON SEPTEMBER 11.

9. ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT, TRUCCO SAID THE ECONOMY WAS IMPROVING AND THAT A DEBT RESCHEDULING WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED NEXT YEAR. INFLATION WOULD, HE THOUGHT, BE HELD

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TO 6 PERCENT PER MONTH FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. HE SAID FINANCE MINISTER CAUAS WAS GOING TO MANILA IN SEPTEMBER AND WOULD COME TO WASHINGTON ON HIS WAY BACK.

10. TRUCCO SAID THE ARMED FORCES WERE SHOCKED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE KENNEDY AMENDMENT AND THAT THE NAVY WAS MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. SHLAUDEMAN SAID WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SAVED THE PIPELINE. TRUCCO REFERRED TO THE PERUVIAN THREAT AND SAID HE PERSONALLY FELT IT WOULD LESSEN BECAUSE OF PERU'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE OF RECENT CABINET CHANGES. HE ALSO SAID THE CHANGES WOULD FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CORRIDOR FOR BOLIVIA--NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY GOING WELL IN ANY CASE.

11. TRUCCO LEFT A NOTE REQUESTING U.S. SUPPORT OF FERNANDO ORREGO VICUNA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE UN COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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